

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

| YEAR C | 28 SEPTEMBER 2025

Our responsibility for those less fortunate

Jesus often spoke in parables, and he knew how to tell a story, but parables were often stories that upended people's expectations. The wealthy often seem blessed in this life, so we might expect they will be blessed in the next life. This is not the message of this parable. The poor man is called Lazarus, a variant of Eleazar, which means "God helps." The rich man is unidentified in scripture, but tradition has given him the name "Dives" which is Latin for rich, so readers of the Latin bible began to treat this as his proper name.

It is not surprising that people love this story of reversal, especially in first century Palestine when the rich had scooped up much of the land and money, leaving tenant farmers with little of their own, except to be hired out as labourers on very basic wages. However, there is also contemporary relevance when we learn of the often-extraordinary payments to chief executives of corporations.

The gospel never condemns wealth, but it challenges those who are so blessed to consider those less fortunate. There are many wealthy people who contribute to the larger community from their bounty, but the parable challenges those who are concerned only with their own lifestyle and have little concern for those less fortunate.

Catholic Social Teaching has moved over the centuries from almsgiving to a commitment to the preferential option for the poor. This commitment is a reminder that we all have responsibility for the care of our global sisters and brothers, most of whom live in conditions less favourable than we enjoy in Australia.

On 21 June, Pope Leo XIV told those attending a Rome conference on democracy and interfaith dialogue: "The huge economic divide between rich and poor today is unacceptable, with so much wealth concentrated in the hands of a few. Political leaders have a responsibility to promote the good of the entire community, especially by defending the vulnerable, the marginalised and the poor." "Sound politics," he said, promotes "the equitable distribution of resources," which "can offer an effective service to harmony and peace both domestically and internationally."

The pope continued and said we have a "responsibility to promote and protect, independent of any special interest, the good of the community, the common good, particularly by defending the vulnerable and the marginalised. This would mean, for example, working to overcome the unacceptable disproportion between the immense wealth concentrated in the hands of a few and the world's poor. Those who live in extreme conditions cry out to make their voices heard and often find no ears willing to hear their plea."

While we need to individually assess our values, we can also be a voice on behalf of the needy and urge those in governance to grow our foreign aid. It is not acceptable to pursue self-interest without concern for the needy.

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 28 **26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C**

8:30 am - Rosary

9:00 am - Mass

Monday 29 **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

Tuesday 30 8:00 am - Mass

11:00 am - Christian Meditation Group

OCTOBER

Wednesday 1 No 8:00 am Mass today

Thursday 2 8:00 am - Mass

Friday 3 **6:00 am - Adoration & Holy Door Open**

9:30 am - Legion of Mary | Parish Meeting Centre

12 noon - Mass

Saturday 4 9:00 am - Rosary

5:30 pm - Rosary

6:00 pm - Vigil Mass

**Daylight Saving
commences
Sunday 5 October**

Sunday 5 **27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C**

111th MIGRANT & REFUGEE SUNDAY

8:30 am - Rosary

9:00 am - Mass

10:00 am - Parish Cuppa | Morning tea

11:00 am - Baptism

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4.30 pm - 4.50 pm

Sunday: 8.30 am - 8.50 am

PRIVATE PRAYER

8:30am - 9am after 8am
weekday Masses.

*(Subject to change - depending
on activities in the Church)*

ROSARY

The Rosary is prayed on
Saturday morning at 9:00 am.

As well as half an hour before
each weekday & weekend Mass

WEDNESDAY WORD

Copies of Wednesday Word,
are available in the Church.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

this Friday 3 October
6 am - 6 pm

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Chris Dennis Jnr (son of Chris & Christine), Donny O'Connor, Rose Wright (nee Grippo), Pat Ryder, Fr Frank Mulcahy

ANNIVERSARIES:

Colin Brooks, Laurie Pratt Snr, June Dwyer, Ted Leape, Madonna Marshall, Annabelle Jones

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Gabrielle Hackenberg, Bill Guinea, Albert Albertini, Maive Collett, Narelle Martin, Pam Willock, Patrick Fox, Margaret Traves, Lorraine Green, David Burke, Paul Calvino, Fr Anthony Lemon

Names removed after a considerable time. Please assist the Parish Office by advising if you wish names to remain.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the Bundjalung people who are the Traditional Owners of this land on which we gather and pray today. We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging, and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people past, present and emerging.

VIEW MASS AT HOME -

There is an option to tune into Mass at home when you can't join us:

- Freeview TV - Channel 10 Sunday 6 am
- Bishop Greg continues to online-stream Sunday Mass on the [Diocesan YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU) - 9:00 am - [youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU)



PARISH CUPPA | MORNING TEA

Please join us for a Cuppa |
Morning tea after 9am Mass
next Sunday 5 October.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Please note:

- ♦ There is no Scripture Study Group on Tuesday during the school holidays

READINGS | ROSTERS

READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C
Amos 6:1, 4-7; 1 Tim 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C
Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14;
Lk 17:5-9

READING ROSTER

4/5 Oct | 27th Sun in Ord Time | Yr C

6pm - Christine Wightley

9am - Philomena Zambelli

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Altar server roster will resume Term 4.

ROSARY STATUE

28/9 Lisa Dusi-Fox 5/10 Narelle Gear



JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Pilgrimage, Holy Door, Reconciliation, Prayer,
Liturgy, Profession of Faith and Indulgences

JUBILEE OF CATECHISTS | 26-28 September

The Jubilee of Catechists - we recognise the important role that catechists play in passing on the faith and express our gratitude for their efforts.

PRAYER SPONSORS

FOR MSPC HSC STUDENTS

Mt St Patrick College is asking for Prayer Sponsors for Year 12 students during their Higher School Certificate exams. The HSC exams commence Thursday 16 October.

Prayer cards with student names will be available shortly. Thank you for your prayers.



*Discover Palms Volunteering -
Global Mission for Asia & the Pacific*

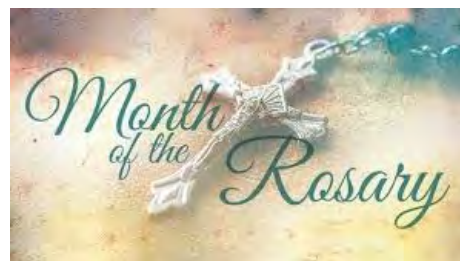
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Discover Palms International Volunteering [online](https://palms.org.au/events) in this special session where you'll chat with past Palms volunteers and hear how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities. Explore our [unique opportunities](https://palms.org.au/events) and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime!

Online - Scan the QR code or register at palms.org.au/events

Thursday 30 October 2025 | 7 pm – 8.30 pm AEDT (NSW)

02 9560 5333 palms@palms.org.au



October dedicated to Rosary for peace in time of war

At the end of his audience yesterday in Rome, Pope Leo XIV asked Catholics worldwide to pray the Rosary for peace in war-torn lands during October, the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary.

"I invite everyone to pray the Rosary every day during the coming month — for peace — personally, with your families and in your communities" Pope Leo said.

IGNITE YOUTH | YA Festival

'Into the Deep'

12-15 December

**4 Days of Camping, Worship & Peace
at Limpinwood | Adults 18-30 years**

The Lismore Diocese is offering subsidies to young adults to attend **YA Festival** in December this year.

See poster for more details and Registration Form.



Shape the future of the Diocese Join the Diocesan Pastoral Council

Bishop Greg is re-establishing the Diocesan Pastoral Council - clergy, religious, and laity working together to support the Mission of the Church.

Nominations are now open! Closing date is 10 October.

We're looking for people of prayer, discernment, and passion for the Church's Mission. Your voice matters, walk with us in hope.

To nominate, visit: www.bit.ly/LismoreDPC

Legion of Mary

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

FIRST YEAR CELEBRATION

Over 280 hrs of Adoration in our Parish.

To celebrate this great milestone, the Legion of Mary is giving away 2 prizes as a 'Thank-You' for your support. Name of Prayers who were on the roster during the year, including Oct '25, will go into the draw of two prizes of 1 x night at Marian Valley Retreat Cabins for 2 people.

Fr Peter will draw the names after the 9am Mass, 5 October. The roster is at the back of the church for you to include your name and phone number. Everyone is very welcome.

Holy Hour: spending an uninterrupted hour of prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament in the presence of the Lord. Great Graces Abound - - Christianity is not a philosophy nor abstraction, but a relationship with a Person - a Divine Person -

26TH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME - YR C

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (145)

R: Praise the Lord, my soul!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME commences 2am next Sunday 5 October. Don't forget to turn your clocks **FORWARD one hour** before going to bed.

Daylight Saving Time concludes Sunday 5 April 2026.

"All people are born as originals, but many die as photocopies" *St Carlos Acutis*



Calling for Expressions of Interest in Running a Stall at Christmas Carnival 29 November 2025

[Changes are planned for this year's Christmas Carnival and Nativity Tableau!](#)

Fr Peter invites you - our schools, parishioners and parish groups - to consider how you might best support the carnival and its new format.

**Vigil Mass 5:00 pm | Carnival open 5:30 pm |
Tableau starts 7:00 pm**

KEEN TO RUN A STALL?

Please send you ideas for a fete-style stall, kids' activity or food stall that you are interested in running to murwillumbah@lismore.catholic.org.au by 5:00 pm Monday 29 September.

Thank you for your continued interest and support in keeping the Christmas Carnival spirit alive – without your support this parish community event may not be held this year.

Queries? Please contact the Parish office during business hours Tue – Fri 9 am to 3 pm

Next carnival planning meeting date Thursday 9 October at 5 pm in the Parish Office.

Fr Peter and the Carnival Planning Team

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 29 September - **Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels**

Tuesday 30 September - **St Jerome, priest, doctor**

Wednesday 1 October - **St Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor**

Thursday 2 October - **The Holy Guardian Angels**

Saturday 4 October - **St Francis of Assisi**

PROFESSION OF FAITH (NICENE CREED)

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
(All bow during these two lines)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.



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